



Court discussed with counsel whether the better course would be to stay the case pending determination by the Multidistrict Litigation (“MDL”) Panel. Although counsel for Plaintiffs expressed her preference to have Plaintiffs’ Motion to Remand considered by the Court at the earliest opportunity, counsel agreed that staying the case pending a determination by the MDL Panel would be acceptable to Plaintiffs. Counsel for the Citigroup Defendants stated that Defendants would prefer to have the case stayed pending a determination by the MDL Panel and further indicated to the Court that it was his belief that counsel for Stiles A. Kellett, Jr. would also support a stay of the case.

The Court, having conferred with counsel, agrees that a stay of this case pending determination by the MDL Panel is appropriate. Accordingly, the Motion to Stay filed by the Citigroup Defendants [doc. 12] is hereby granted. All proceedings in this action are hereby stayed for a period of 30 days after the MDL Panel issues its determination on Defendants’ pending request to have this case transferred to and consolidated with the multidistrict proceedings in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

s/ Hugh Lawson  
**HUGH LAWSON, JUDGE**

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